



**Boxer, Feinstein Urge President To Release FEMA's Disaster Recovery Plan
For Potential California Earthquake**

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Washington, D.C. – Concerned that the Administration may be unprepared for a major California earthquake, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer today was joined by Senator Dianne Feinstein (both D-CA) to renew Boxer's call for the President to release FEMA's disaster recovery plan for a potential California earthquake.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Five weeks ago, you received a letter requesting a copy of the federal government's disaster recovery plan to respond to a major earthquake in California.

Although the White House responded by stating that the letter had been shared "with the appropriate Administration officials and agencies responsible for formulating policy recommendations in this area," the plan has not yet been provided.

We are writing to again request the emergency plan.

The slow response to this request to obtain a copy of the plan – so that we can share it with California's emergency response organizations for their comment – makes us wonder if a plan exists and if FEMA is prepared.

Based on FEMA's slow response in providing relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina, we want to make sure that a similar tragedy does not happen again if a major earthquake occurs in California.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. We are sure that you know the importance of providing us with this plan, given what has occurred in the Gulf States.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator